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To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Panama Renewal as Non-contracting Cooperating Member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

Reference: Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

I am pleased to inform that the Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission (WCPFC), at its 12th Regular Session in December 2015 in Bali, Indonesia, agreed to approve the application for renewal of CNM status in 2016 for Panama.

Renewal of CNM status by the Commission will take into account -compliance with the national laws and regulations of any licensing CCM, and all conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention. CCMs shall identify any violations by vessels flagged to a CNM and report on any investigations of such violations to the TCC.

Inspection and Landing Report:

The landing of fisheries product of capture vessels or fishing support vessels of Panama should be inspected at port by an authorized marine resources inspector or by an inspector of the Recognized Fisheries Organization and will send a landing report no later than forty eight (48) hours after completion of the landing to the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama.

The designated and authorized ports for landing products from fishing vessels or support fishing vessels shall be regulated by the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama.

All the activities of the fishing vessel and fishing support vessels shall be subject to the conservation measures, laws, rules, regulations and recommendations of the coastal States and Regional or Sub-regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMO's).

SUPPORTING LAWS: [Executive Decree 161 of June 6, 2013](#), Law 44 of November 23, 2006.

For more reference, kindly check [MMC-220](#).

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